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INFO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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SUBJ: PEKING REACTION TO US- SOVIET SUMMIT

1. PEKING MEDIA HAVE NOT YET REPORTED ON THE US- SOVIET SUMMIT BUT ACCORDING TO A JAPANESE PRESS REPORT (NIHON KEIZAI, JUNE 25) CHOU EN- LAI TOLD VISITING LDP DIET MAN, FUJIYAMA, THAT ECONOMIC CONTRADICTIONS COMPELLED THE SOVIETS TO SEEK US ASSISTANCE. CHOU REPORTEDLY SAID THAT THE USSR " IS A MILLIONAIRE AND AT THE SAME TIME A POOR MAN," IT HAS ABUNDANT OIL, LUMBER AND COAL RESOURCES BUT IS SHORT OF FUNDS AND TECHNOLOGY TO DEVELOP THE RESOURCES.

2. COMMENT: THE CHINESE FEAR THAT RELAXATION OF TENSION IN US- SOVIET RELATIONS WILL CAUSE THE US TO WEAKEN ITS DEFENSE POSITION, AND WILL GIVE AN UNWELCOME IMPETUS TO DETENTE IN EUROPE. BUT AS SUGGESTED IN CHOU' S REMARKS (REPORTEDLY VOLUNTEERED) TO FUJIYAMA, PEKING DOES NOT WISH TO CREDIT BREZHNEV WITH SUCCESS OR TO IMPLY THAT THE US IS COLLUDING AGAINST CHINA. THUS CHOU DID NOT INDICATE THAT MOSCOW WOULD GAIN A LEG UP ON PEKING NOR DID HE DISCUSS OTHER INTERNATIONAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE

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VISIT. NOTABLY THERE WAS NO CRITICISM IN CHOU' S REMARKS OF US
INTENTIONS. THE PRC ALSO SEEMS TO RECOGNIZE THAT US- SOVIET DETENTE
HAS A SEPARATE DYNAMIC AND THAT CHINA CAN ONLY HOPE TO COUNTER
ITS NEGATIVE IMPLICATIONS BY ENHANCING US INTEREST AND STAKE
IN EQUALLY GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE PRC.
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